

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A recording tape cartridge comprising:

a reel accommodated within a case and having a reel hub around which a recording tape is wound, an engaging portion being provided at a floor portion of the reel hub;

a braking member provided nonrotatably within the case, and approaching and moving away from the floor portion of the reel hub, and able to assume a rotation locked position at which the braking member engages with the engaging portion, and a rotation permitted position at which a state of engagement with the engaging portion is released; and

a releasing member disposed so as to rotate integrally with the reel at an inner side of a guide wall portion which stands erect at the floor portion of the reel hub, and when the reel is rotated, the releasing member holds the braking member at the rotation permitted position while abutting the braking member,

wherein the braking member has a tubular wall portion which overlaps with an outer side of the guide wall portion at least at the rotation locked position.

2. (previously presented): The recording tape cartridge of claim 1, wherein the tubular wall portion is positioned further inward in a radial direction than the engaging portion.

3. (original): The recording tape cartridge of claim 1, wherein the tubular wall portion is positioned between the engaging portion and the guide wall portion.

4. (original): The recording tape cartridge of claim 1, wherein the releasing member has at least a first rib and a second rib whose lengths, in a direction of thickness of the recording tape cartridge, are different.

5. (previously presented): The recording tape cartridge of claim 4, wherein the first rib and the second rib are positioned further inward in a radial direction than the guide wall portion.

6. (original): The recording tape cartridge of claim 4, wherein the first rib and the second rib are disposed alternately at a uniform interval in a peripheral direction of the reel hub.

7. (previously presented): The recording tape cartridge of claim 4, wherein the reel hub includes grooves which accommodate the first rib and the second rib respectively.

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8. (original): The recording tape cartridge of claim 7, wherein thicknesses of the first rib and the second rib, in a peripheral direction of the reel hub, are respectively different.

9. (previously presented): The recording tape cartridge of claim 8, wherein the thickness of the first rib or the second rib, whichever is longer, is less than the thickness of the shorter rib, and when said ribs are accommodated in the grooves of the reel hub, the clearance between the longer rib and the groove in a peripheral direction is less than the clearance between the shorter rib and the groove in a peripheral direction.

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge comprising:

a reel accommodated within a case and having a reel hub around which a recording tape is wound, an engaging portion being provided at a floor portion of the reel hub;

a braking member, which includes a tubular wall portion, provided nonrotatably within the case, and approaching and moving away from the floor portion of the reel hub, and able to assume a rotation locked position at which the braking member engages with the engaging portion, and a rotation permitted position at which a state of engagement with the engaging portion is released; and

a releasing member disposed so as to rotate integrally with the reel at an inner side of a guide wall portion, which stands erect at the floor portion of the reel hub, and when the reel is rotated, the releasing member holds the braking member at the rotation permitted position while abutting the braking member,

wherein when the recording tape cartridge is in an assembled state, the releasing member, the guide wall portion, and the tubular wall portion are formed in a labyrinthine structure when viewed from a side sectional view of the recording tape cartridge~~The recording tape cartridge of claim 10,~~ and wherein the tubular wall portion is positioned between the engaging portion and the guide wall portion.

13. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge comprising:

a reel accommodated within a case and having a reel hub around which a recording tape is wound, an engaging portion being provided at a floor portion of the reel hub;

a braking member, which includes a tubular wall portion, provided nonrotatably within the case, and approaching and moving away from the floor portion of the reel hub, and able to assume a rotation locked position at which the braking member engages with the engaging portion, and a rotation permitted position at which a state of engagement with the engaging portion is released; and

a releasing member disposed so as to rotate integrally with the reel at an inner side of a guide wall portion, which stands erect at the floor portion of the reel hub, and when the reel is

rotated, the releasing member holds the braking member at the rotation permitted position while abutting the braking member.

wherein when the recording tape cartridge is in an assembled state, the releasing member, the guide wall portion, and the tubular wall portion are formed in a labyrinthine structure when viewed from a side sectional view of the recording tape cartridge~~The recording tape cartridge of claim 10,~~ and wherein the releasing member has at least a first rib and a second rib whose lengths, in a direction of thickness of the recording tape cartridge, are different.

14. (original): The recording tape cartridge of claim 13, wherein the first rib and the second rib are positioned further inward than the guide wall portion.

15. (currently amended): The recording tape cartridge of claim 1, wherein the releasing member abutting the braking member is provided with a slide-contact surface that slidably contacts the braking member, and, around the periphery of the slide-contact surface, provided with rotation restricting ribs which extend in a rotation axis direction of the reel and prevent the releasing member from rotating relative to the reel by fitting into grooves formed at an inner surface of the guide wall portion, and seat ribs which extend in the rotation axis direction of the reel and preventing the releasing member from falling-out from the reel by abutting the floor portion of the reel hub, wherein the rotation restricting ribs and the seat ribs are formed projecting radially further than the slide-contact surface of the releasing member toward the side of the braking member.

16. (currently amended): The recording tape cartridge of claim 15, wherein the heights from ~~the a~~ slide-contact surface of ~~the~~ end surfaces toward the braking member of both the rotation restricting ribs and the seat ribs are the same, while the heights from the slide-contact surface of the end surfaces toward the floor portion of the reel hub of the rotation restricting ribs and the seat ribs are not the same.

17. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge comprising:
a reel accommodated within a case and having a reel hub around which a recording tape is wound, an engaging portion being provided at a floor portion of the reel hub;

a braking member, which includes a tubular wall portion, provided nonrotatably within the case, and approaching and moving away from the floor portion of the reel hub, and able to assume a rotation locked position at which the braking member engages with the engaging portion, and a rotation permitted position at which a state of engagement with the engaging portion is released; and

a releasing member disposed so as to rotate integrally with the reel at an inner side of a guide wall portion, which stands erect at the floor portion of the reel hub, and when the reel is rotated, the releasing member holds the braking member at the rotation permitted position while abutting the braking member,

wherein when the recording tape cartridge is in an assembled state, the releasing member, the guide wall portion, and the tubular wall portion are formed in a labyrinthine structure when

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viewed from a side sectional view of the recording tape cartridge~~The recording tape cartridge of~~
~~claim 10,~~ and wherein the releasing member abutting the braking member is provided with a
slide-contact surface that slidingly contacts the braking member, and, around the periphery of the
slide-contact surface, provided with rotation restricting ribs which extend in a rotation axis
direction of the reel and prevent the releasing member from rotating relative to the reel by fitting
into grooves formed at an inner surface of the guide wall portion, and seat ribs which extend in
the rotation axis direction of the reel and preventing the releasing member from falling-out from
the reel by abutting the floor portion of the reel hub, wherein the rotation restricting ribs and the
seat ribs are formed projecting radially further than the slide-contact surface of the releasing
member toward the side of the braking member.

18. (currently amended): The recording tape cartridge of claim 17, wherein the heights from
~~the a~~ slide-contact surface of ~~the~~ end surfaces toward the braking member of both the rotation
restricting ribs and the seat ribs are the same while the heights from the slide-contact surface of
the end surfaces toward the floor portion of the reel hub of the rotation restricting ribs and the
seat ribs are not the same.